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HURON UP 12 FEET, BIG FLOOD LOSS

INTERESTING HOUR ENJOYED BY FEDERATION

The final meeting for the year of the Federation of Women's Clubs was held Wednesday afternoon at the Literary Club house and in spite of the downpour there was a good attendance.

The hour was featured by a talk by Miss Kate Douglas of the Farrand school for Nurses, Harper Hospital in Detroit. She talked in a general way of hospital service and equipment; and spoke strongly of the need of a training school for nurses in every well organized institution. The primary or more important object of all hospitals, she said was to mitigate bodily suffering whether that arises from natural or abodily causes, in which respect they are indispensible as a refuge to all who are able o unable to pay for medical or surgical aid or as a convenient means of succor in emergencies to persons of every rank and degree of opulence While such is the main object of these establishments they should however, be serviceable as schools for nurses. The standardizing of al equipment from safety pins up was strongly urged.

Mrs. Edward S. George, membe of the hospital board gave a clear word picture of the new Beyer Memorial hospital, as it will appear when completed and equipped. She told of the comfort that is to be every patient's who enters its doors and she spoke happily of the liberality of individuals and corporation who are quickly responding to pleas for funds with which to endow the various rooms, wards, etc. Practically all of the bed rooms have now been subscribed for, she said. There are still left however, wards and several other rooms for the funds of benefactors.

When opened to the pubuc the equipped building is going to be one of high character and a pleasing example of the munificence of benefactors and incorporated city companies.

Mrs. L. M. James announced the production, "The Tragedy of Nan," which is to be a hospital benefit play given under the auspices of the Study Club.

Mrs. Sarah George extended an invitation to the members to meet with the Suffrage Association, Saturday afternoon at four o'clock at the home of Miss Emma Minor

GOOB FISHING NOW AT GEDDES

While residents in the vicinity of Geddes today were resorting to every possible means of saving the Geddes dam and the bridge there youngsters of the neighborhood have had a profitable day of fishing. Hundreds o' good sized fish are left in fields and low lands when water receded as rapidly as it rose this morning.

Trains Are Running

For a time traffic on the Michigan Central was delayed on account o railroad tracks having been washed out, but the main track was repaired temporarily so that trains were able to pass there shortly before noon.

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MICHIGAN CENTRAL TRAINS HELD HERE

The Michigan Central depot resembled a terminal station this morning. All trains, even the through fast passengers; were laid up here from 2 a. m. until nearly noon, and trains from the west did not get through until then.

The delay was on account of the track having been washed out at Geddes.

THRIFT DRIVE IN HANDS OF ABLE LEADERS

The following committees have been appointed to carry out the Thrift campaign in Ypsilanti:

First ward—A. R. McAndrew; second ward, Prof. R. Clyde Ford; third ward, Prof. C. O. Hoyt; fourth ward, Joseph Thompson; fifth ward E. D. Matthews; chairman of speakers, W. H. Latham; publicity, D. B South; factories, M. B. Stadtmiller church and Sunday schools, F. H Nissly; stores and agencies, E. D Matthews.

The schools and post office have been organized for some time and are doing good work.

On the evening of March 27 between the hours of 6 and 7 p. m., every house in the city will be visited and asked to buy war saving stamps.

A meeting will be held in the near future in the high school auditorium for the purpose of getting all the clerks in the city together for the purpose to ask them to ask their customers to buy stamps.

The same committee will have charge of the third Liberty loan drive which will begin April 6.

HOLLAND SHIPS MAYE BE TAKEN BY THE ALLIES

Washington, March 14.—According to report received here today word has been sent to Holland warning that nation that if the tonnage agreement is not immediately signed and observed all ships in American and English ports will be interned

BIG TOPICS FOR COMMUNITY HOUP

Mayor C. V. Brown, F. L. Gallup Mrs. E. L. Calkins, Miss Carrie Bowen and Miss Edith Blackman are to be speakers at the community meeting to be held Friday evening at the Spencer school on the East Michigan avenue road. The meeting will immediately follow a short business session of the club which commences at 6:30 also at the school.

"Community Marketing," will be Mayor Brown's subject; "Regulation of Women for War Work," "Liberty Loan," and "Food Problems" will be discussed by the other speakers.

Refreshments are to be served.

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RIVER IS HIGHEST IN HISTORY

At 6 o'clock this morning the Huron river reached the highest water mark in history here. It was five feet above the dam at the Peninsular Paper Co. That dam is 13 feet high making a total rise of 18 feet.

The Lowell dam went out at 5:40 o'clock this morning and the Peninsular dam gave way at 6:20.

The mill will be able to resume operation within a day or two on Edison power. Men are working today installing new transformers.

Weeks will be required to put the dam back into usefulness. Property loss about the mill will amount to several hundred dollars.

GRANGERS TO TELL OF SAVING

Ypsilanti Grange, No. 56 will meet Saturday afternoon at 1:30 at the Masonic temple for a regular business session and a program. "My Pet Economy," will be the theme at roll call.

"How to Prepare an Alfalfa Crop," will be the topic for the afternoon, which will be discussed by Joseph E. Warner, John M. Graves and Ralph Kimmell. Mrs. W. H. Sweet will give a select reading. A caste chosen from the Jolly Country Club of Superior will present a play entitled "The Meeting of the Lyceum," and musical numbers will be given under the direction of Mrs. Wm. Deubel.

WILLIAM RENTON NEW CANDIDATE IN FOURTH

William J. Renton is the new Democratic candidate for alderman in the fourth ward. John O'Connor, who was nominated by the city committee has refused to accept the nomination.

BODY OF A. MARKHAM TAKEN TO WILLIS HOME

The body of Alphonso Markham an inmate of the Pontiac State hospital, who was killed by a pickaxe in the hands of another inmate, has been taken to the home of his mother, Mrs. Frances Markham, one mile north of Willis, where funeral services will be held.

INSTRUCTION SCHOOL FOR TONIGHT POSTPONED

The School of instruction scheduled for this evening at the high school has been postponed on account of the numerous other events of importance occurring the same evening. The sessions of next week will be held according to schedule.

BEE KEEPERS TO MEET IN ANN ARBOR

A meeting of the Washtenaw Bee Keepers' association will be held Monday, March 18th at 1:30 o'clock in the Ann Arbor Y. M. C. A. rooms. Prof. B. F. Kindig of the M. A. C. will speak as will Prof. H. S. Osler, the new county agent.

The program will begin at 1:30.

DYNAMITE IS FOUND IN HOG ISLAND YARD

Hog Island Ship Yards, March 14.—A quantity of dynamite was found concealed in the ship yard. Investigation has been started to uncover what is believed to be a German plot to work enormous damage.

HIGH WATER THREATENS MANY CITIES

Morgantown, W. Va., March 14 Water here is highest since 1861. Many cities are threatened with floods and enormous property loss is expected along the rivers in this section.

One death is reported. Julia Grubb was drowned early this morning.

DEATH SUMMONS MRS CHARLES MILLER HERE WEDNESDAY EVENING

Mrs. Charles Miller, aged 60 years, died at her home on East Michigan avenue Wednesday at 5 p. m., following a long illness from asthma and heart trouble. Her maiden name was Margaret Leonard and she was born and had lived her life in Ypsilanti, having lived for many years in the home of Henry Glover.

Besides the husband, who is employed as a machinist at the Maxwell Auto Co., in Detroit, there survive two sisters, Mrs. James Leonard, of Omaha, and Mrs. Robert Cannon, of Washington, D. C., and a brother, Peter Leonard, of Omaha. Robert Cannon, the brother-in-law, is in the city for the funeral.

The funeral will be held at the house Friday at 9 a. m., and will be conducted by Father Kennedy. Interment will be in the Catholic cemetery.

PLAYERS POSTPONE NEXT ENTERTAINMENT

Owing to conflicting dates in Ypsilanti it is announced that the next entertainment of the Players will be postponed from March 20 and 21 to April 2 and 4.

FRANK GILBERT HAS FLOOD EXPERIENCE

Frank Gilbert had a flood experience. In the Gault milk wagon he drove down toward the creamery. The wagon tipped over and was left there but the mules and Gilbert got away safely.

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EARLY OHIO POTATOES
Extra nice for eating or seed, just received today. Not frost bitten. Place your order early. Albah's Grocery. Phone 1199.—adv. 314

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AUCTION SALE
SATURDAY, 2 P. M.
Warren Lewis, auctioneer, will sell the Sam Post furniture at the store next to the Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company on Huron street Saturday afternoon at 2 p. m., sharp. Good furniture, some antique pieces. Sam Post, Jr., Cashier; Warren Lewis, Auctioneer. Phone 1133.—adv. 315

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CONTRACTORS NOTICE
The General Stores Corporation call for bids for the erection of their store at the corner of Cross and Perrine streets, Ypsilanti. This corporation reserves the right to reject all bids in whole or part. General Stores Corporation, Ypsilanti.—adv. 314

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FIREMEN SAVE CROUT RESIDENCE

Efficiency and promptness on the part of the city fire department saved the E. C. Crout residence from burning at about 11 o'clock Wednesday evening.

Awakened by barking of a dog Mr. Crout discovered that the attic of the house was afire. The fire department responded in an incredably short time and soon had the blaze under control.

The damage was comparatively small and Mr. Crout declared that the response to the alarm was the best he had ever seen made by any department.

TORPEDO AIMED AT SHIP CARRYING SIGNAL CORPS MEN

The following letter was written Feb. 4 by Sergt. F. D. Webb now in France to his parents in this city Mr. Cobb, the writer to whom he refers cabled an account of the trip over to the Saturday Evening Post of last Saturday and in his article "When the Sea Wasp Stings," he gives it as his opinion that the torpedo which tore away the vitals of the Tuscania was not meant for that ship at all, but for the White Star liner, which carried our own Ypsilanti soldiers.

"Irvin S. Cobb was a passenger on our boat and one evening he gave us a splendid talk. He told about his experiences in Belgium at the opening of the war." He was very humorous, although he brought in the pathos of the Belgiums. He is absolutely the best talker I have ever heard.

"The climate over here is not as pleasant as it might be. It is awfully wet and muddy although not so very cold.

"I could write a lot about exciting incidents of the trip, but my letter probably would not pass the censor. I am feeling great."

CITY WILL BE WITHOUT LIGHT FOR FEW NIGHTS

For a few nights the city will be without street lights owing to the fact that several poles carrying city light wires were torn down by the high water early this morning.

The city plant is not disabled and as soon as the lines are again safe the lights will be in working order.

OFFICERS OF THE GUILD ARE ELECTED

The following officers were elected at a meeting of the Westminste Guild held Tuesday evening at the home of Miss Charlotte Richardson President, Miss Freda Garrett; vice president, Miss Gwendoline Webster secretary, Miss Gladys Redding treasurer, Miss Mary Case.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Cork of Orion who are on route for New Mexico are visiting their sister, Mrs. H. O Woodbury.

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Big Townline Bridge Is Swept Away at Peninsular Paper Mill, Dam Out, Mill Closed, Lowell Bridge Partly Gone, Forest Avenue Bridge Closed to Traffic

DOLSON GARAGE IS COMPLETE WRECK, WALLS AND ROOF FALL WHEN FOUNDATION IS WASHED OUT

Trees Swept Out By Roots, Many Families Driven From Homes, Factories Surrounded By Water, Acres of Land Swept With Heavy Loss to the Owners

The Huron at least twelve feet above normal height, road bridge at the Peninsular Paper Mill entirely swept from sight, the Dolson Garage wrecked from having been undermined by the swift current, the U. S. Pressed Steel factory and the Creamery and city water works practically isolated by water on all sides and thousands of dollars of property loss all along the river is a brief summary of the worst flood that Ypsilanti has ever experienced. Within ten minutes the water raised almost as many feet early this morning sweeping everything in its path, heavy cakes of ice added to the damage as they were hurled along with terrific force.

Classes in city schools were dismissed in order that children might visit the unusual scene.

Traffic was stopped over the new Michigan Avenue bridge, passengers on the interurban being forced to transfer from one car to another and walk across.

At an early hour water flowed over the bridge.

It is possible to estimate the enormous property loss that has been caused by the Huron river during the past 24 hours. Rising 12 feet, a half of that distance in as many minutes, it swept along its course like a tidal wave, taking practically everything in its way. According to reports this afternoon there has been a general loss of property for miles on either side of Ypsilanti along the river.

The damage in Ypsilanti commences chiefly at the Peninsular Paper Co. The big dam there is practically gone. The Geddes dam above is standing but the river has washed a course around it. It was probably when this washout started that the Peninsular dam let loose and water suddenly rose to the level of the road leading to the bridge that joins the city and township. The bridge disappeared entirely, and while it is probably lodged across the river bed it will not be visible till the water has receded considerably. Parts of it could be seen during the morning at various places along the river.

Flooding the low land south of the paper mill the water surged on toward the Cross street bridge, but no damage resulted there although the abutments were given a trying test. The rest of the Oak Knitting Co. dam went out, however.

The Forest avenue bridge, however, failed to stand so well. In the center it settled about 18 inches and traffic across it has been forbidden. It is believed that part of the center pier was damaged.

Trees were uprooted and fences torn down all along the banks and the second scene of serious damage came at the Michigan avenue bridge There the water for a time flowed over the road and when the Dolson garage was undermined the walls gave way and the entire building collapsed. Fortunately cars stored there and cars belonging to Mr. Dolson were removed before the collapse, but the loss of the building and destruction of property is one that Mr. Dolson will feel keenly.

The general wreckage of everything with which the water came in contact continued on south and at the Water Works the dam was not to be seen. Water was over it and flowing as smoothly as though no da mexisted. Perhaps none does, although it is believed to still be standing.

The Casler gardens are badly washed and the Creamery and Water Works and U. S. Pressed Steel plants are surrounded with water.

The Pressed Steel plant was shut down today but it is expected that power will be arranged so that work can be resumed tomorrow if the water goes down as it promises this afternoon to do. The sudden rise of the water was noted here especially, for at 6:30 the water did not, threaten the plant and one hour later the occupants suddenly found it desirable to vacate.

Part of the river left its bed at Race street, flowing in a strong current directly west past the Casler buildings and then turning in south. On the Arnold and Casler fields are still piles of ice cakes left by the preceding flood and the water extends for blocks in every direction. North of Race street and back of Mrs. Swift's place, the river extends for several blocks with as swift a current and as high waves as in its natural bed. The former skating ground north of the Michigan avenue bridge is deeply under water, and the whole of Frog Island, north of the Cross street bridge, is under water, which rises nearly to the top of the old race embankment near the mill.

Families Forced From Homes

Scores of families have been forced from their homes. The residents visited a few weeks ago by the first rising water were advised by Chief of Police Chas. Cain early this morning to vacate and the water has destroyed much personal property.

A telephone pole washed out near the creamery wrecked telephone lines cutting that section off from service.

Spring street west from the creamery was under water for about a block to the depth of a man's knees. One venturesome man in rubber boots worked his way across, but very slowly on account of the suction of the mud beneath his feet. The city well was surrounded by water to a depth of several feet—it is fortunate for the city that the stiff blue clay prevents seepage into the well.

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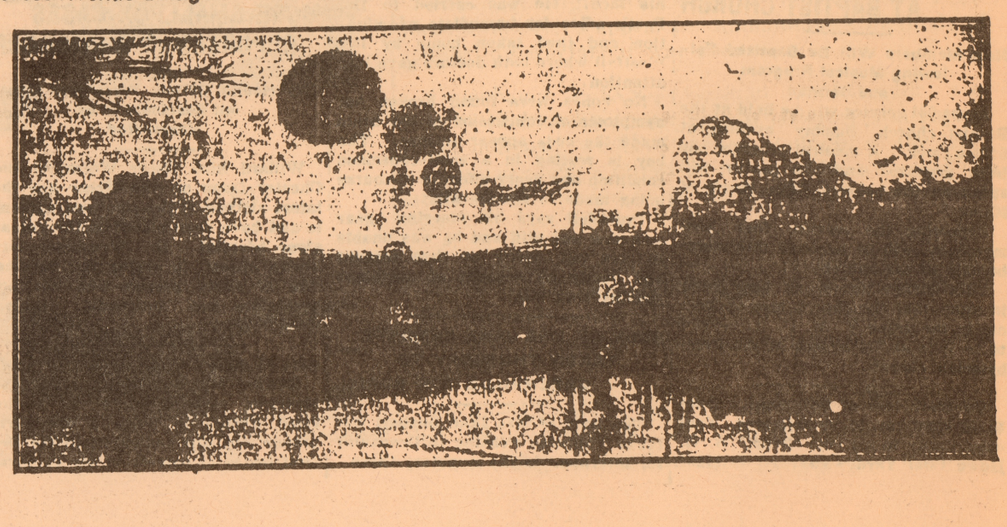
Michigan Avenue Bridge Over Which Traffic Was Declared Unsafe Because of High Water

Forest Avenue Bridge Which Has Settled Nearly Two Feet In Center Where Support is Gone